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SUBJECT: VISIT MEMBERS U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

REF: STATE 214090

1. REPLIES TO REFERENCE FROM ABU DHABI, KUWAIT AND SAUDI
ARABIA POINT OUT IMPOSSIBILITY PROGRAMMING MARKS/SMITH
WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS ON DATES PROPOSED REFTEL BECAUSE
THEY FALL WITHIN PERIOD OF ISLAMIC HOLIDAY EID AL ADHA.
THEY HAVE THEREFORE REARRANGED SCHEDULE, ATTEMPTING AVOID
ARABIC PENINSULA DURING HOLIDAY WHILE UPSETTING AS LITTLE
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AS POSSIBLE THAT PART OF SCHEDULE ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER

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POSTS. THEY REGRET INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY THIS THIRD PROPOSAL.

2. NEW PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

11/18 ARRIVE JIDDA, SV 172
11/20 DEPART JIDDA AT 1300 VIA SV 706
ARRIVE RIYADH AT 1420
11/21 DEPART RIYADH AT 1915, SV 708
ARRIVE KUWAIT AT 2020
11/23 DEPART KUWAIT AT 1650, GULF 232
ARRIVE ABU DHABI AT 1905

11/25 DEPART ABU DHABI BY CAR FOR DUBAI ABOUT 0830
DEPART DUBAI AT 1240, GULF 223
ARRIVE KUWAIT AT 1310
DEPART KUWAIT 1700, IR 408
ARRIVE TEHRAN AT 1845
12/1 DEPART TEHRAN AT 1530, IR 753
ARRIVE ISTANBUL 1750
DEPART ISTANBUL AT 1830, TK 150
ARRIVE ANKARA AT 1915
12/3 DEPART ANKARA AT 1245, TK 125
ARRIVE ISTANBUL AT 1335
12/7 DEPART ISTANBUL AT 1620, AF 611
ARRIVE ATHENS AT 1810
DEPART ATHENS AT 1950, AZ 890
ARRIVE CAIRO AT 2140
12/13 DEPART CAIRO AT 0735, TWA 841

3. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORM DEPARTMENT SOONEST (WELD, CU/ACS) WHETHER PROPOSED SCHEDULE ACCEPTABLE. IF ACCEPTABLE, RESERVE TWO DOUBLES, ONE SINGLE AT FIRST-CLASS HOTEL. CABLE ANY QUERIES RE PROGRAM OR SCHEDULE.

4. FOR JIDDA: MARKS AWARE NOV. 19 IS HOLIDAY AND THAT SCHEDULE THUS PROVIDES ONLY ONE-HALF DAY FOR MEETINGS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. HE HOPES HE CAN TALK WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. OFFICIALS ON NOV. 19. HE IS PARTICULARLY EAGER MEET MINISTER OF EDUCATION EITHER IN JIDDA
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OR RIYADH.

5. FOR KUWAIT. APPOINTMENTS PROPOSED YOUR 3387 EXACTLY WHAT MARKS/SMITH WISH.

6. FOR ABU DHABI. MARKS GRATEFUL YOUR 1962. HOPES YOU WILL BE ABLE WITHOUT TOO MUCH STRESS TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE LOCAL OFFICIALS ON NOV. 24.

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WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TO DUBAI MORNING OF NOV. 25.

7. FOR TEHRAN: MARKS APPRECIATES YOUR 8767. HE IS DELIGHTED AT OUTLINE PROGRAM PRESENTED THEREIN AND LEAVES TO POST STRUCTURING OF PROGRAM AROUND THE 2 HOLIDAYS AND 3 WORKING DAYS HE WILL BE IN IRAN.

8. FOR CAIRO: MARKS APPRECIATES YOUR 11767. HE REGRETS THAT PROPOSED NEW SCHEDULE WILL BRING HIM TO CAIRO BEFORE THE DECEMBER 9 ARRIVAL DATE RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY, BUT HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CONSULT EMBASSY AND OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS ON DEC. 8 IF LOCAL OFFICIALS NOT AVAILABLE. HIS INTEREST IN ALEXANDRIA WHETTED BY

EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION THAT HE SPEND DAY THERE, AND HE WOULD LIKE TRIP TO LUXOR ON HOLIDAYS IF PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS PERMIT. IF IMPOSSIBLE COMPLETE PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS IN WORKING DAYS SCHEDULED CAIRO, DEPARTURE FROM EGYPT COULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL DEC. 14. ROBINSON

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